2Thess #184;

The path of a busybody leads to destruction.

Please keep Andy B. in prayer he is a close friend of my brother in Christ, Pete. Andy is fighting cancer and has now been hospitalized with a heart rhythm issue as well.

We will be Psalms chapter 52 today RF.

Our current study is anchored in 2Thessalonians chapter three;

/2Thes 3:11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, **doing no work** at all, but **acting like busybodies**.\

The Apostle Paul is now at what we call the meat and potatoes of the reason for the second letter to Thessalonica.

He is stomping out a brush fire, that is about to become a large, consuming fire in the congregation.

If someone is legitimately in need of assistance, we all step up as a body of Christ to assist them. That wasn’t the case here – this was apathy which turned into laziness.

The early church did provide for the truly needy among them, the poor or those hit by difficult circumstances.

Yet there were standards and vetting processes. (two or three witnesses)

 REPEAT

Only after being certain that they were truly in need and after putting them to work for the church, did the congregation supply basic needs for a period of time.

There is a misconception that the church becomes a piggy bank and a counseling center, as well as a social justice tool when the world steps upon the rights of a Christian.

/The fact is, the church of Jesus Christ is called into aspects of each one of these ministries (assisting poor, needy or counsel for a struggling Bel). Yet the extreme indulgence of Bels to take advantage of this is unacceptable. Often the congregation would find work for those in financial need. Counsel comes first from BD, secondary may be a brief session with an elder or deacon. The pastor is to focus on studying and teaching.\

Many Christians do not like to hear this – but you are expected to grow toward maturity so you become helpful in the spiritual battles of a ministry.

The CA Bel is being trained to be in a position of strength to reach out to a lost and dying world. Also to be there in time of need for others in a congregation.

The misconception is that the pastor is to counsel the confused, and to visit the sick and help the poor.

That is what you are being trained to do!

 REPEAT

There are obvious times the pastor must get involved… but he is not the first go-to person, to deal with these issues.

Lazy people have a tendency to become dependent upon others for their needs.

They also have a strong inclination to become curious about everybody else’s business, because they have too much time on their hands.

/2Thes 3:11 – *acting like busybodies*.

Is one Greek verb – *periergazomai,* to stay busy doing NOTHING, to be useless, consistently involved in needless or frivolous matters. Trifling, overly curious and inquisitive into the affairs of others. Petty and selfish, overly absorbed in personal gain or personal comfort.\

PERRY-AIR-GOD-ZO-MY, is used in this fashion only once in the NT.

This is someone who makes a career out of avoiding any work, any challenge and seeks the path of least resistance habitually.

On top of that - they stay busy in useless speculations and the affairs of others.

This life introduces these types of people into a very derogatory practice of sins of the tongue.

/Sins of the tongue, can be maligning, judging, backbiting, lying, gossiping, embellishing facts (boasting), or derogatory statements about others. It is a soul sickness, that finds its way into conversations and public statements with damaging effects for everyone involved, even the one with the sins of the tongue.\

Sins of the tongue have extreme, collateral damage repercussions.

This Psalm speaks to a time when King Saul was on the warpath for young David. And he found out his own son Jonathan was withholding information on the whereabouts of David and his mighty men.

/Psa 52:1 For the music director. A Maskil of David, when **Doeg the Edomite** came and told Saul and said to him, “David has come to the house of Ahimelech.” **Why do you boast in evil**, you mighty man? The faithfulness of God endures all day long.

This reference is found in 1Sam 22, Doeg was a chief sheepherder for King Saul.\

DOE-EGG, ACK-HE-MELA (high priest).

Doeg held a council position because he was very loyal to King Saul.

He was jealous of the rise to power of young David.

Now David was on the run from Saul, this became an opportunity for Doeg to help destroy David.

[Psa 52:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/2/s_530002) Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

David knew men like Doeg who were political puppets under Saul, they were lying and promoting any way possible to keep their seat of power.

/[Psa 52:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/3/s_530003) You love evil more than good,Lies more than speaking what is right. Selah

Doeg embellished upon a story about David, twisting the truth to enflame King Saul even further. Doeg went on to murder dozens (80) of priests and destroy Nob, a town where the Levitical order resided.\

All to appease the anger of King Saul.

Doeg was so lust filled for political clout and maintaining his seat at the table of King Saul, he went above and beyond cruelty, into a very dark evil.

/[Psa 52:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/4/s_530004) You love all words that devour,You **deceitful**(*mirmâ*)**tongue.**

This is a person who is very comfortable living in deceit and treachery.\

MEER-MAH, means treachery, deceitfulness or a false witness.

It was often used for a lifestyle of a habitual liar.

Doeg was a Believer.

/The person who has become a slave to the sins of the tongue has an OSN ripe with treachery and divisive plans. They are very focused on self, personal goals and personal comfort, completely excluding the pain or problems of anyone else. They often will destroy others who may possess qualities or blessings above them. Their plots and plans are cleverly hidden, in sins of the tongue and manipulative techniques.\

[Psa 52:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/5/s_530005) But God will break you down forever;He will snatch you up and tear you away from *your* tent,And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

Doeg was a Bel – he was in reversionism, and he was following the wickedness of King Saul to benefit himself in the long run.

The tent was often a reference to the outer body.

This was David speaking upon the sin unto death for the Christian who goes so deeply into an evil lifestyle.

[Psa 52:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/6/s_530006) The righteous will see and fear,And they will laugh at him, *saying,*

/[Psa 52:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/7/s_530007) “Behold, **the man who would not make God his refuge**,But trusted in the abundance of his riches And **was strong in his *evil* desire.**”

You can never build your happiness on other people’s misery. There is no short cut to success in the plan of GOD. You must put your trust in Christ, not the flesh.\

Those who rely upon the cosmic system and their flesh always end up in a lifestyle opposed to God’s plan.

It often begins with apathy toward BD, then over the course of a few years this type of Bel is in apostasy.

/[Psa 52:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/8/s_530008) But as for me, **I am like a green olive tree** in the house of God; **I trust**(*bāṭaḥ*) in the faithfulness of God forever and ever.

The healthy olive tree was symbolic of a healthy relationship with GOD. This is one of the stronger words used for security – to hold firm confidence in.\

BAA-TAC, this Hebrew verb points to a firm and very strong faith.

[Psa 52:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/52/9/s_530009) I will praise You forever, because You have done *it,*And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

/When the Bel follows the protocol of God’s standards, even failing occasionally and rebounding back, it is then that GOD will sow great strength in your life. It is then that escrow blessings become visible. The Christian prone to laziness, who then falls into sins of the tongue, positions themselves outside of the plan of God. Eventually they become hostile toward the things of GOD, which can develop into a lifestyle.\

We will close today in 2Timothy chapter two RF.

Do not be fooled that an apathetic attitude toward your relationship with God, will not eventually lead to a life far removed from the plan of God.

Your attitude about Bible study reflects a lot in your spiritual life.

Never forget, your mental attitude sins eventually rise to the surface, often through the sins of the tongue.

/Psa 34:12 **Who is the person who desires life** And loves *length of* days, that he may see good? 13 **Keep your tongue from evil** And your lips from speaking deceit.

Jam 3:8 But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; *it is* **a restless evil**, full of **deadly poison**. \

We will be getting into more scriptures from James chapter 3 next message.

That chapter highlights the sins of the tongue in a magnificence fashion.

/Psa 5:8 LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before me. 9 For there is **nothing trustworthy in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction** *itself.* Their throat is an open grave; **They flatter with their tongue**.\

Those who become masters of the sins of the tongue are incredibly believable.

 They also are often very complimentary in their manipulation.

Narcissism is usually at the root of many of these types of people.

/Rom 16:18 For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but **of their own appetites;** and by their **smooth and flattering speech** they **deceive** the hearts of the unsuspecting.\

To give a compliment is appreciated and in many cases very fitting…but the flattery that comes from the sins of the tongue, is always designed as a tool of manipulation.

Let us look what the Apostle Paul taught to Timothy, warning him to teach principles that will help Bels avoid the sins of the tongue.

It starts by learning to avoid empty chatter, moving away from useless conversations and pushing away from any form of gossip.

/2Tim 2:14 **Remind *them* of these things**, and solemnly exhort them in the presence of God **not to dispute about words**, which is **useless** *and leads* to the **ruin of the listeners**.

Avoiding gossip, as well as useless conversations that drag you into cosmic system ideologies.\

The Bels at Thessalonica kept perpetrating false teaching on the end times.

This was not what had been taught to them by the Apostle Paul and then Timothy.

/Once a Bel has been given accurate doctrine, they must learn to pay attention to manipulation and false concepts, so as not to engage in useless and harmful chatter. Words are what transfer knowledge into the soul structure. Guard that gateway into your soul. If the words you hear, read or accept, are distorted, even subtly, it can begin a journey into confusion.\

[2Ti 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/15/s_1127015) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

This is a strong warning that as a pastor-teacher, Timothy has to handle the teaching of the word with great care.

The gift of pastor-teacher is one of deep study, academic honesty and agonizing over the accuracy of the word.

As I have mentioned before, a one-hour message, takes me anywhere between 7 to 12 hours to study for. Then I have to prepare it in legible notes and slides.

Then I spend an hour teaching the message - 3x a week. Then handling the uploads and video aspect of this, not to mention answering emails and writing books.

If you are looking for a 40-hour work week, with a guaranteed paycheck and great benefits… pastor-teacher is not for you!

/[2Ti 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/16/s_1127016) But **avoid worldly and empty chatter**, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

The Christian who can get in a habit of removing themselves from gossip, cosmic system ideologies and useless chatter, is one who is on a serious journey toward maturity.\

[2Ti 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/17/s_1127017) and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

Notice what spread like gangrene – it was their words…the sins of the tongue, the false doctrine spread quickly.

[2Ti 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/18/s_1127018) *men* who have gone astray from the truth, claiming that the resurrection has already taken place; and they are jeopardizing the faith of some.

These were men undermining the teaching of the Apostle Paul.

This set into motion confusion among the congregations already established and also it infects the ears of the Unbels.

Sins of the tongue spread quickly with horrific damage over the course of a short period of time.

A lie will go around the world three times before the truth even gets out of bed to put its pants on.

The good news is…the TRUTH always prevails in the end.